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For: METHOD FOR MAKING A CARD WITH MULTIPLE CONTACT TIPS FOR  
TESTING MICROSPHERE INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, AND TESTING DEVICE  
USING SAID CARD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6 and 9 as follows:

6. (Amended) A card with multiple tips obtained according to the process of  
claim 1.

9. (Amended) The card with multiple tips according to claim 7, wherein the  
truncated part (30e) of the support part (30) is provided with a window (38) equipped with a  
plate made of transparent material, glass or quartz, allowing visual testing of the alignment of  
the tips (26) on the connection pads (50) of the semi-conductor chip (52).

Please add new claims 10-14 as follows:

--10. A card with multiple tips obtained according to the process of claim 2.--

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- 11. A card with multiple tips obtained according to the process of claim 3.--
- 12. A card with multiple tips obtained according to the process of claim 4.--
- 13. A card with multiple tips obtained according to the process of claim 5.--
- 14. The card with multiple tips according to claim 8, wherein the truncated part (30c) of the support part (30) is provided with a window (38) equipped with a plate made of transparent material, glass or quartz, allowing visual testing of the alignment of the tips (26) on the connection pads (50) of the semi-conductor chip (52).--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 6 and 9 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 10-14 are added to compensate for the material deleted from claims 6 and 9. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

Claims 10-14 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

6. (Amended) A card with multiple tips obtained according to the process of claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~.

9. (Amended) The card with multiple tips according to claim 7 ~~one of the claims 7 or 8~~, wherein the truncated part (30c) of the support part (30) is provided with a window (38) equipped with a plate made of transparent material, glass or quartz, allowing visual testing of the alignment of the tips (26) on the connection pads (50) of the semi-conductor chip (52).